

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7815

Petition of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., for a)
certificate of public good approving the purchase of)
electricity from NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC from)
2015 through 2034)

Order entered: 12/15/2011

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On November 9, 2011, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") received a petition from Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC") requesting authorization, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, for the purchase of electricity from NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC. Included with the petition were a Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement, in which VEC seeks a protective order governing allegedly confidential documents and information that may be requested in the discovery process, and a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence, in which VEC requests an order providing confidential treatment of certain prefiled testimony and exhibits.

I convened a prehearing conference on December 9, 2011. Appearances were entered by Louise Porter, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"), and Victoria J. Brown, Esq., for VEC.

At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to the following schedule, which I adopted:

Public Hearing (tentative) ¹	January 3 or 4, 2012
Deadline for Intervention Motions (Responses due within three business days)	Two business days after the public hearing

1. The public hearing may need to be scheduled for the following week. Once a date is confirmed, the Clerk of the Board will issue a notice of the public hearing.

Discovery Served on VEC (Responses due within seven business days)	Through January 6, 2012
Non-petitioners' Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits	January 20, 2012
Discovery Served on Non-petitioners (Responses due within ten business days)	January 23, 2012
Parties File Stipulation and Joint Proposal for Decision	February 13, 2012
Technical Hearing (tentative)	February 21, 2012
Modifications to Joint Proposal for Decision (if any)	February 24, 2012
Target Date for PSB Order	March 9, 2012

Finally, the parties are required to provide an electronic copy of all testimony, motions and responses, and briefs (e-mail submission is acceptable), in addition to hard copies. If the electronic filings are submitted in .pdf format, they must be submitted in a form that permits the Board and other parties to search the document and extract text.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15th day of December, 2011.

s/Kurt Janson
Kurt Janson, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: December 15, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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